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SUBJ: ELYSEE COMMENT ON LIBYA

1. DURING AUG 4 LUCHEON CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS,
ELYSEE AFRICAN AFFAIRS ADVISER JOURNIAC COMMENTED THAT
THE EFFECT ON QADHAFI OF THE RECENT EGYPT-LIBYAN
CONFLICT WAS MORE IMPORTANT PSYCHOLOGICALLY THAN
MILITARILY. THE LIBYAN LEADER SUDDENLY REALIZED THAT
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BOUMEDIENE, NOT A SINGLE VOICE IN
THE AFRO-ARAB WORLD HAD BEEN RAISED IN HIS DEFENSE.
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JOURNIAC FELT THAT THIS FEELING OF INCREASED ISOLATION
WOULD AFFECT QADHFI (AS WELL AS BUMEDIENE) SIGNIFICANT-
LY.

2. ON THE ONE HAND, QADHAFI WAS LIKELY TO TURN TO
MERCENARIES (EAST EUROPEANS) TO PUT SOME BACK BONE INTO
HIS FORCES. (THIS WOULD CREATE EVEN GREATER DOUBT IN

WOULD OPINION ABOUT HIS MOTIVES.) ON THE OTHER, HE WOULD
BE MORE AMENABLE TO MAKING SETTLEMENTS WITH LIBYA'S
OTHER NEIGHBORS IN ORDER TO BE FREE TO PURSUE HIS FIGHT
TO THE FINISH WITH SADAT. JOURNIAC SUGGESTED THAT THIS
WOULD BE HIGHLY PROPITIOUS MOMENT FOR CHAD AND TUNISIA
TO PRESS FOR SETTLEMENT OF THEIR GRIEVANCES WITH THE
LIBYANS.
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